



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Monday, March 10, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO AND VIDEO LINKS FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1196)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)
 [VIDEO PART 1](#)
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Present: Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie,
 Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner
 Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn, Commissioner
 Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner
 Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (14-1054)

Chair Sanders called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. Approval of the February 21, 2014 regular meeting minutes. (14-1055)

**On motion of Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner
Gilbert-Lurie, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

Ayes: 6 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie,
 Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.),
 Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn
 L. Flynn and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 4 - Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.),
 Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner
 Andrea L. Rich and Commissioner Dan Scott

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation by (times listed are approximate and may vary):

- 9:00 a.m. - Tennessee Department of Children's Services - Scott Modell, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner
- 9:30 a.m. - Michigan Department of Human Services - Colin Parks, Manager, CPS and Family Preservation Program Office
- 10:00 a.m.- Casey Family Programs - Nadia Sexton, Ph.D., Knowledge Management Director
- 10:30 a.m.- Five Points Technology Group, Inc. - Melissa Jaacks, Sr. VP, Finance
- 11:00 a.m.- Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services - Marc Cherna, Director
- 11:30 a.m.- Eckerd - Lorita Shirley, Chief of Community Based Care (14-1056)

Scott Modell, Ph.D., Deputy Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Children's Services, addressed the Commission regarding their safety systems and accident model approach that provides a map for understanding the system properties that may influence a bad event. Mr. Modell addressed issues driven by human and system errors and cited statistics that reflect the outcome of certain system models. Mr. Modell responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Colin Parks, Manager, CPS and Family Preservation Program Office, Michigan Department of Human Services, presented an overview of their child death review systems and initiatives to reduce child fatalities. Mr. Parks reported on the various functions of the interagency teams that are involved in child death reviews and shared direct accomplishments resulting from such reviews and collaborations. Mr. Parks responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Nadia Sexton, Ph.D., Knowledge Management Director, Casey Family Programs, presented an overview of statistical data on foster youth related to healthcare, disabilities and wraparound programs. Ms. Sexton emphasized the need to have a child welfare system that is capable of responding to disasters. Ms. Sexton responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Melissa Jaacks, Sr. VP, Finance, Five Points Technology Group, Inc., presented an overview of the historical, financial and programmatic impacts by the Title IV-E Waiver in Florida. Ms. Jaacks outlined similarities and differences in utilizing flexibility of the Title IV-E Waiver between Los Angeles County and Florida and responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Marc Cherna, Director of Department of Human Services, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania presented an overview of initiatives from his department with regard to the integrated structure, funding strategies to maximize services, community engagement, and technology and data sharing. Mr. Cherna responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Lorita Shirley, Chief of Community Based Care, Eckerd, presented an overview of their research and analysis and the safety focused review tools utilized in Tampa, Florida in an effort to improve safety for children. Ms. Shirley responded to questions posed by the Commission.

Members of the public, Helen Lynn, Melinda Waite, Teresija Sigmund and Patrick O'Rourke addressed the Commission.

Attachments: [Presentation by Michigan Department of Human Services](#)
[Presentation by Casey Family Programs](#)
[Presentation by Five Points Technology Group, Inc.](#)
[Presentation by Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Department of Human](#)
[Presentation by Eckerd](#)

III. DISCUSSIONS

- 4. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding April 2014 Final Report recommendations. (14-0821)**

Chair Sanders indicated that the final report is due April 2014 and is currently being developed. The final draft will be discussed publicly at the next meeting.

- 5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Commission meeting schedule. (14-1060)**

Chair Sanders indicated that a meeting on March 28, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. was proposed to allow public discussion of the draft report.

On motion of Commissioner Flynn, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and unanimously carried, the aforementioned meeting date was approved.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Items not posted to the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-1057)

There were no items presented.

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1058)

Members of the public, Lori Martin, Helen Lynn, Melinda Waite, Patrick O'Rourke, Teresija Sigmund and Bill Gay addressed the Commission.

8. Adjournment. (14-1059)

On motion of Commissioner Teague, seconded by Commissioner Scott, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.